



APPENDIX D

**(VERSION OF CLAIMS AS AMENDED HEREIN
WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE)**

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1. (Amended) A die cutting system for forming patterns from a sheet of material, comprising:
a press including first and second members movable toward and away from one another, said first member including a die retaining element associated with a die receiving surface thereof, said second member including a sheet supporting surface oriented to oppose said die receiving surface; and
at least one die securable to said first member by said die retaining element, said at least one die comprising a thin, unitary member including a substantially planar plate and at least one cutting edge protruding from a surface of said substantially planar plate.
2. (Amended) The die cutting system of claim 1, wherein said press includes a biasing element for moving at least one of said first and second [member]members toward the other of said first and second [member]members.
6. (Amended) The die cutting system of claim 5, wherein at least said substantially planar plate comprises a material that is attracted to a magnetic field.
7. (Amended) The die cutting system of claim 1, wherein said at least one die comprises steel.
8. (Amended) The die cutting system of claim 1, wherein said die retaining element mechanically secures said at least one die to said die receiving surface.
10. (Amended) The die cutting system of claim 1, wherein said at least one die further includes at least one ejection element between adjacent portions of said at least one cutting edge.